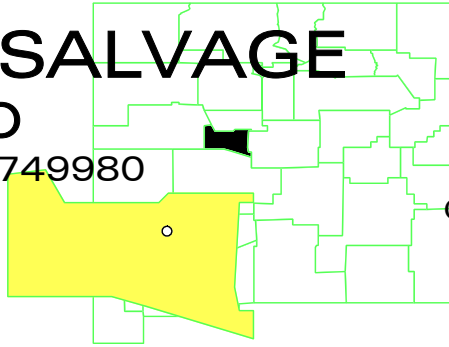


PAGANO SALVAGE

NEW MEXICO

EPA ID# NMD980749980



EPA REGION 6
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 02
Valencia County

Other Names:
Waste Electric Transformer #4

Updated: 06/26/03

Please Note: This Site has been deleted from the NPL and this fact sheet will be updated annually.

Site Description

- Location:
- One-mile southeast of Los Lunas
 - 102 Edeal Road near east bank of Rio Grande.
- Population:
- About 11,000 people obtain drinking water from public and private wells within 3 miles of the site.
- Setting:
- Surface water near the site is used to irrigate croplands.
 - Metal salvage operation on 1.25 acres.
 - Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) contaminated oil was poured over insulated wire and burned on unprotected ground at several locations.
- Hydrology:
- Ground water at the site is shallow (about 5 feet) and the soil is very permeable alluvial deposits.

Present Status and Issues

- The Site was remediated. No future remedial activities are planned.

Wastes and Volumes

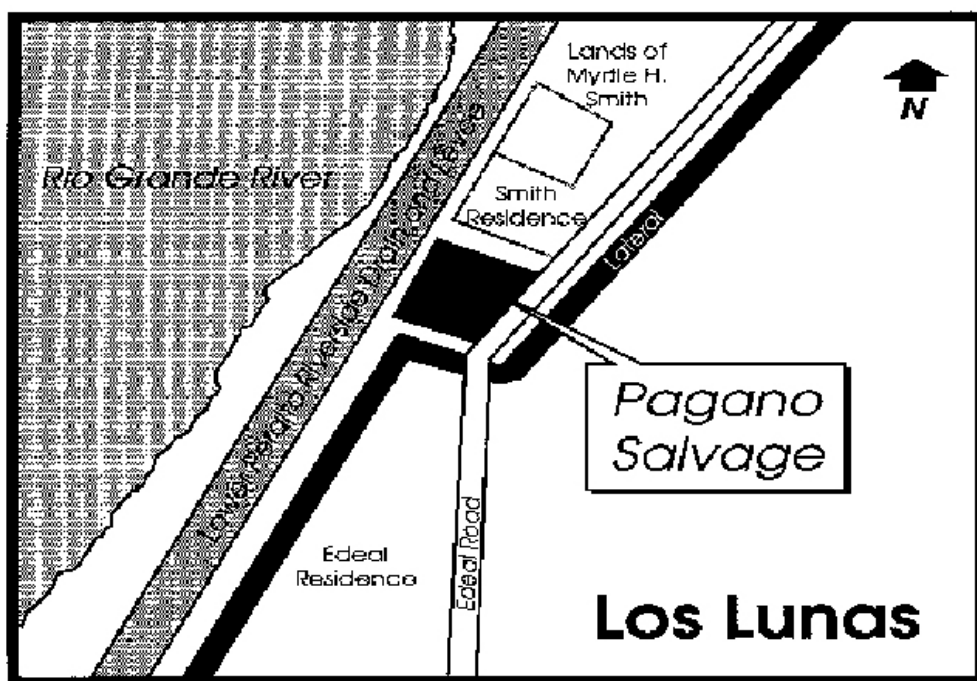
- Principal pollutants: PCB, up to 1,400 parts per million (ppm) in soils.
- Volume: 5,100 cubic yards of PCB contaminated soil and debris.

Site Assessment and Ranking

NPL LISTING HISTORY

Site HRS Score: 35.57
Proposed Date: 6/24/88
Final Date: 10/04/89
NPL Update: No. 7
NPL Deletion: 10/14/92

Site Map and Diagram



The Remediation Process

Site History:

- 3/87: Soil samples showed concentrations of PCBs and pesticides.
- 6/89: EPA began a removal of soils contaminated with more than 10 ppm PCBs.
- Approximately 5,100 tons of contaminated soil and debris were excavated and moved to a permitted facility.
- Entire source of contamination was effectively removed restoring site to original working condition.
- 1/90: EPA completed the removal of contaminated soil and debris with PCBs above health-based levels.
- 9/90: Regional Administrator signed a Record of Decision (ROD) which recommends no further action

based on the removal results.

- 10/92: Site deleted from the National Priorities List (NPL) of Federal Superfund sites.
- With the emergency removal of contaminated soils and debris, the EPA has removed the sources of contamination and eliminated the potential for exposure to hazardous materials on the site. Based on site investigation results, the EPA concluded that no further cleanup actions are required at the site, which were confirmed by periodic monitoring of the ground water.
- The site was deleted from the National Priorities List on October 14, 1992.

Health Considerations:

- Direct contact and ingestion, also a potential source of ground water contamination.

Record of Decision

Signed: September 27, 1990

- The Record of Decision for the Pagano Salvage site selected No Further Action.
- This choice precluded all other potential remedies as the previous removal action addressed all significant site risks.

Community Involvement

- Community Involvement Plan: 3/90
- Proposed Plan Fact Sheet and Public Meeting: 8/90
- Original ROD Fact Sheet: 1/90
- Milestone Fact Sheets: 10/92 (NPL Deletion)
- Citizens on site mailing list: 48
- Constituency Interest: Low - ground water contamination.
- Site Repository: Los Lunas Public Library, 460 Main Street, Los Lunas, NM 87031

Technical Assistance Grant

- Availability Notice: None
- Letters of Intent Received: None
- Grant Award: None
- Current Status: Site is deleted from the NPL

Contacts

- **Remedial Project Manager (EPA):** Don Williams, 214/665-2197, Mail Sta. 6SF-LT
- **State Contact:** George Schuman, 505/827-2908
- **Community Involvement (EPA):** Greg Lyssy, 214/665-8317 Mail Sta. 6SF-LT
- **State Coordinator (EPA):** Kathy Ketcher, 214/665-7196, Mail Sta. 6SF-LT
- **Prime Contractor:** None, site has been deleted from the NPL.
- **Ombudsman (EPA):** Arnold Ondarza, 1-800-533-3508

Cost Recovery

- Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) Identified: 5
- Viable PRPs: Mary Pagano, Pagano Salvage, David Peluchette, Myrtle Smith, Sandia National Laboratories (Department of Energy).
- Removal notices letters issued by EPA, no favorable responses received - 3/29/89.
- Unilateral Administrative Order for the removal action was issued by EPA - 6/8/89.
- PRPs did not agree to do the work. EPA settled costs with the PRPs through a Consent Decree.

Benefits

- 11,000 users of public and private water wells within three miles of the site now have no risks from site contamination.
- 5,100 cubic yards of PCB-contaminated soil have been remediated.
- Site is suitable for commercial redevelopment.